

University Policy on Conferment of Honorary Degrees

A statement outlining the University's policy on the conferment of Honorary Degrees is given below:

- a) In conferring an honorary degree the University is recognising achievement of distinction within fields of relevance to the objectives of the University.
- b) In particular the University is acknowledging a significant contribution to an area of interest related to those aims contained within the corporate statement. The University has stressed its commitment to the following:
 - Advancing and applying knowledge. The extension of knowledge, putting it to work and helping others to do likewise.
 - Working with others. The collaboration with others in the advancement and application of knowledge.
 - Widening access. The extension of learning opportunities.
 - Meeting new challenges. Meeting the rapidly changing demands of modern society.
 - Developing people. The fulfilment of personal potential on the part of staff and students.
 - Contributing to city and region. The enrichment of the quality of life in the city and surrounding region.
 - Forging international links. The sharing of knowledge world-wide and the increase of international understanding.
- c) Subject to (a) and (b), to warrant the award of an honorary degree the recipient should be generally accepted as a person of sufficient eminence in his/her walk of life for the award of the degree. Additionally one or more of the following criteria should be satisfied:
 - That the recipient has been closely associated with the work of the University over a substantial period of time;
 - That the recipient has made a significant contribution to a field of academic interest to the University;
 - That the recipient has rendered services of a particular distinction to the City of Bradford, the region, the nation, Europe or the wider international community.
- d) The University would wish to include for consideration the conferment of honorary degrees on retired members of staff who have given long and distinguished service to any area of the University.